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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, NPIC

THROUGH: Executive Director, NPIC

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID(NPIC)

SUBJECT: Continued Release of Film to Other Agency Components

1. When NPIC initially started at the Steuart Building, it was generally agreed that certain photographic materials could be released to other offices within the Agency in order to alleviate manpower and space shortages. In addition, because of security restrictions limiting entry to the Steuart Building by people who had a need to obtain information from non-system material, other exceptions were made. The institution of the ORR/AMS special map program also prompted large shipments of film outside of NPIC to Langley. Thus, over the intervening years more and more analysts have been introduced to photography and the value of photo interpretation in the intelligence process.

2. There has been increasing concern within this division at the evidence of photo-interpretation being accomplished by these other Agency components. Such concern prompted our staff study of April 1962 (Enclosure 1). The points outlined in this staff study are still considered most valid. Recent events have not lessened our concern and it now appears that in view of discussions between the Director, CIA, and Director, DIA, in terms of not duplicating effort within the DOD, it seems most appropriate to settle Agency internal problems of duplication at the earliest possible moment.

3. Each of our branches serves an entirely different set of Agency requestors and therefore their problems vary. Attached for your reference are their views (Enclosure 2) of the problem we now face and some examples of what PI effort is being made at Langley. We recognize that it is difficult to substantiate all of the examples and there are many assumptions included. Also attached are several documents that have been prepared by other Agency offices that contain results of photo interpretation by non-PI personnel. (See enclosures 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7).

4. Finally, attached for your information are a listing of "Disposition of Film Loaned to ORR" (Enclosure 8) as prepared by the Assistant for Operations, NPIC, and a list of PI equipment available in ORR (Enclosure 9). The film loaned is over and above that which this division has furnished in the form of DP's, enlargements, prints, stereograms, and

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viewgraphs in response to direct requirements.

5. The basic issues remain as follows:

A. Duplication of PI effort within the Agency.

B. Responsibility for PI--who has it? NPIC and PID will continue to be credited with mistakes of others as well as our own unless all PI is delegated to NPIC.

C. Film and manpower utilization--if decentralization of PI continues, (a) more copies of DP's will have to be ordered to meet NPIC, PID, and other Agency component needs, and (b) qualified PI's will find more and more of their time diverted to "graphics register type" services to simply supply photography for work by non-PI personnel.

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Enclosures:

- 1 - PAD 50/62, Release of Film to Agency Components
- 2 - IB 15/63, Comments by Branch Chiefs, PID
- 3 - CIA/RR CB 63-2, Current Support Brief
- 4 - ORR Project 26.3823, Prod. of Electric Power in Communist China, 1962
- 5 - NIE 13-2-26 draft, Chinese Communist Advanced Weapons Capabilities
- 6 - TCS 13513/62-KH, Significant Developments Involving IRBM Deployment in the USSR and PID Memorandum TCS 14079/62-KH, Comments on CIA/ORR Memorandum
- 7 - CIA/RR GP 62-85:L, Cuba: The Trinidad-Fomento-Tunas De Zaza Triangle
- 8 - Disposition of Film Loaned to ORR
- 9 - PI Equipment Available in ORR

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